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AMENDMENT #10

REF: (A) STATE 126122; (B) MADRID 3583; (C) STATE 26124;
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1. RAJARIC, FAISECTC, ADVISED EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICE THAT THEY VERY RELUCTANT TO SIGN SUBJECT AMENDMENT (TEN) BECAUSE THEY HAD SAME UNDERSTANDING OF SMITHSONIAN, BASED ON MAY 1973 MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, NAMELY THAT NO REPEAT NO FURTHER PL-480 FUNDS, U.S. OWNED DINARS, WERE TO BE USED TO PAY FOR DOCKING OR OTHER CHARES FOR THE PHYKOS. THIS UNDERSTANDING IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 2 REFTEL (A).

2. FAISECTC ALSO AGREES WITH SMITHSONIAN INTERPRETATION CITED IN REFTEL (C), THAT GOY FEELS MATTER IS ONE THAT SHOULD BE SORTED OUT BETWEEN SMITHSONIAN AND GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN. GOY HAS FULLFILLED ALL THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE SUBJECT AGREEMENT FOR CONVERSION OF THE PHYKOS INTO AN OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH VESSEL.

3. INKOBROD, KORCULA, INFORMS THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO PRECISELY CALCULATE COSTS FOR PREPARATION OF PHYKOS TRANSFER TO SPAIN, SINCE IT DEPENDS LARGELY ON WISHES AND REQUIREMENTS OF GOS, HOWEVER,
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THE FIGURE OF \$11,800 SHOULD BE A REASONABLY GOOD ESTIMATE OF EXPENSE

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TO GOS. UNLESS SPANISH EXPERTS, HERNANDEZ ET AL GIVE FURTHER REQUESTS FOR MODIFICATIONS ON THE PHYKOS, INKOBROD DOES NOT FORSEE THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY ADDITIONAL EXPENSES BEYOND THE \$11,800.

4. PLEASE CABLE AUTHORIZATION SO THAT INKOBROD CAN PROCEED PROMPLY WITH WORKS-TESTING AND TRIALS ON PHYKOS. TELEX FROM J.R. HERNANDEZ, CINTRA TO SPALATIN, INKOBROD RECONFIRMS SERIOUS INTEREST OF SPANISH TEAM IN READYING PHYKOS FOR TRANSFER TO SPAIN. TELEX DATED JULY 6 SAYS IN PART "WE SHALL LIKE TO KNOW EXACTLY WHEN YOU CAN BE READY TO PROCEED WITH JOBS (WORKSTESTING AND RIALS) IN ORDER TO MAKE READY OUR VOYAGE TO KORCULA". SINCE IT IS INTENDED THAT THE PHYKOS SHOULD BE READY FOR SAILING TO SPAIN NO LATER THAN AUGUST 15, 1973 IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT INKOBROD STRAT WORK OF PREPARATION OF PHYKOS ASAP. TOON

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